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For: HOLLOW FIBER MEMBRANE FOR BLOOD PURIFICATION AND BLOOD PURIFICATION APPARATUS USING THE SAME

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56 and §§ 1.97 – 1.98, Applicant(s) wish to bring the following information to the attention of the Examiner.

Applicant(s) wish to make of record the documents listed on the attached form 1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached, where required, as are noted English translations, or partial translations of pertinent portions, and/or English language abstracts, of any non-English language references. Statements of relevancy, if necessary, appear below.

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Listed on the attached form 1449 are certain of Applicant's commonly assigned pending application(s), published application(s) or issued patent(s). In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of the cited U.S. pending applications, published applications and/or issued patents, are not provided.

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Documents * * have been cited in an International Search Report and/or Written Opinion (copy enclosed), which indicates the relevancy thereof to the claims of the International Application. Copies of documents cited in the International Search Report should have been forwarded by the International Bureau and thus have not been provided.

WO 02/087735 has been cited in a Chinese Office Action issued with respect to patent family member Chinese Patent App. No. 201010166796.X (copy enclosed). WO 02/087735 was previously provided and listed in an IDS in the present application.

Documents * * are cited in the Specification of the present application. Any necessary copy is being submitted herewith.

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- In the event that any additional fees are due with respect to this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0089 of the undersigned.

If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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